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EDITORIALS†

WAR

War has come to our country. Japan's declaration against the United States and Great Britain, made on December 7, was announced as this issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE is in press. From this time on, the rôle of Medical Preparedness takes on a different aspect.

The armed services must now be implemented to full strength in all branches. The Medical Corps of both Navy and Army require physicians to permit them to function in highest efficiency.

As in World War I, this need will be fully met by the medical profession. Organized and Scientific Medicine will give of their best. The California Medical Association gladly accepts its responsibilities.

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

A Year of Trial.—Another year is nearing its end, during which, in the last twelve months, many members of the medical profession have found it necessary to make numerous and varied adjustments, some of a nature involving real hardships respecting their careers, and also to their families. To colleagues who have thus taken up new duties in these uncertain times, good wishes in generous amount are extended, and the hope expressed that, for them and theirs all may turn out for the best!

To other members of the California Medical Association, greetings of similar nature are given. Physicians not in military service are likewise faced with new conditions, the Nation's economic and other programs—brought about through the present international emergency—being still too much in a state of flux to permit citizens to foresee all that days to come may have in store.

Should the present crises be but forerunners of even graver events, physicians will probably be called upon to make greater sacrifices. However, if such be the course of affairs, then, as in the past, members of the California Medical Association will be found doing their part in full.

Therefore, in that knowledge and spirit of generous service to country and fellow-men, character-

† Editorials on subjects of scientific and editorial interest, contributed by members of the California Medical Association, are printed in the Editorial Comment column which follows.

istic of the medical profession, the coming year may be faced in hopeful confidence. And in this last month of the dying year, CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE extends to all its heartiest greetings of the holiday season.

NEXT ANNUAL SESSION: MAY 4-7, 1942

A Four- to Five-Day Session.—Six months have elapsed since the last annual session was held at Del Monte where, next year, the California Medical Association will again convene, beginning its work officially on Monday, May 4, and carrying on through Thursday, the 7th. In the contemplated arrangements, affiliated activities—such as the Microscopic, Radiologic, and Clinical Cancer Study Groups, the Heart Association and Industrial Medicine Symposia, and California Physicians' Service, will hold meetings on Sunday, May 3, in order to avoid conflicts that might impair the efficiency of the twelve Scientific Sections, whose programs make up practically the annual Scientific Assembly of the California Medical Association.

The forthcoming annual conference is called to the attention of members in the hope that many may make note of the time and place of meeting, and so give thought to possible attendance.

Such a reminder is of equal importance, also, to prospective essayists or program participants, since any who have not communicated with the proper Section Secretaries (whose names will be found on advertising page 4), should promptly do so.

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Program Committee Holds Meeting.—On Sunday, November 23, the State Association Committee on Scientific Work met in joint session with the Section Secretaries, when progress reports were submitted and plans outlined through which, it is hoped, the meetings of the various sections will take on increased interest and value.

The general scheme of time allocations, inaugurated several years ago, has been found satisfactory.

The plan, then instituted, provides for four general sessions, one of which shall be held each morning, when programs of special value to Association members who are in general practice are given. Major topics for the four mornings, which will be emphasized, are: Monday, Organized Medicine; Tuesday, Internal Medicine and Clinico-Pathologic Conference; Wednesday, Surgery; Thursday, Progress Reports on Newer Methods in Practice.

Each morning, medical and surgical films will be displayed in one of the meeting rooms; and on each afternoon, the twelve Scientific Sections will present their special programs. The scientific and technical exhibits will be on display throughout the entire day.

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Meeting Room Pavilion Under Construction. Section members who in the past have been distressed at the crowding and inconveniences associated with meeting rooms of insufficient size will be happy to learn that the new assembly pavilion at Hotel Del Monte, now under construction, will provide six additional meeting rooms. These ac-

commodations will also make for better lobby features, thus promoting the good fellowship and fraternal features of the annual convention, always so desired. The enlarged meeting room space will also permit the Woman's Auxiliary to hold its meetings at the Hotel Del Monte, instead of at the Lodge—a convenience long wished for.

At the meeting on November 23, referred to, it was agreed that at the coming annual session, panel and round-table discussions should be promoted, although symposia and individual papers will also continue to be presented.

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Prospective Participants Must Send Requests.

In due course, additional information concerning these matters will appear in CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE. In the meantime, as already noted, all members who have in mind the submittal of topics for program placements should promptly communicate with the proper Section Secretary.

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Scientific Exhibits: How the Medical Schools Can Aid.—Members in position to present scientific exhibits or medical films should write to the Association Secretary. In connection with scientific exhibits, special appeal for coöperation is made to the four medical schools of California, since each has facilities easily permitting the presentation of exhibits of pathologic and research material. By so doing, a return courtesy would be extended to the California Medical Association for the aid so consistently given by it in antivivisection and similar battles. The California Medical Association takes pride in the State's four medical schools; and they, in turn, should be happy to promote the postgraduate phases of the Association's annual sessions, the important work the yearly gatherings are intended to promote.

MEDICAL PREPAREDNESS: RECENT PROBLEMS

California Committee on Medical Preparedness.—CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE, in its issue of August, 1940, called attention to the newly organized California Committee on Medical Preparedness—consisting of state and county committees—and in each subsequent issue progress reports have appeared. The present international outlook indicates that, for some time to come, Medical Preparedness must continue as a standing department of the OFFICIAL JOURNAL, due in part to rapid changes in the new military alignments affecting physicians, and also to confusions that have arisen through difficult interpretation of the somewhat inelastic features of the Selective Service Act and Army regulations.

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Recent Meeting at American Medical Association Headquarters.—At the annual meeting of State Association secretaries and editors, held at the American Medical Association headquarters in Chicago, on November 14-15, officers of the military services discussed some of the problems relating to the Medical Corps. The questions asked by representatives from different states of the